FCC rejects challenge to CB decision on judges' transfer

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were Justices Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri, Babar Sattar, Sardar Ijaz Ishaq Khan and Saman Rafat Imtiaz.

On the other hand, the FCC adjourned the hearing of three similar appeals — out of a total of nine petitions — for an indefinite period when senior counsel Idrees Ashraf, representing Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, sought directions from the court to ensure his meeting with his client, who is incarcerated at Adiala jail.

The counsel submitted that he required instructions from his client in light of the changed circumstances following the passage of the 27th Amendment. He argued that meeting his client was essential for filing additional grounds because his earlier appeal had been moved against the SC's short order.

Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan, who was heading the six-judge FCC bench, rejected the request, observing that the counsel should approach the forum that had sentenced his client, as the plea did not fall within FCC's jurisdiction. But the counsel maintained that such a direction by the FCC would satisfy the requirement of complete justice under Article 187.

In his appeal, Mr Ashraf had argued that the constitutional bench's decision undermined safeguards intended to preserve judicial independence by circumventing the constitutionally mandated appointment process. By a three to two majority, the June 19 judgement of the now-defunct constitutional bench had held that the transfer of three judges to the IHC from different high courts was within the constitutional framework.

On Monday, the FCC also adjourned two other appeals after Advocate Ajmal Toor, appearing for senior counsel Hamid Khan, who was representing the Lahore High Court Bar and the Lahore High Court Bar Association, sought time due to the senior counsel's unavailability. The court subsequently adjourned proceedings indefinitely.

The FCC had taken up various petitions filed by Justice Mohsin Kayani through senior counsel Muneer A. Malik; Tahir Faraz Abbasi through Abid Shahid Zuberi; Raja Muqsit Nawaz Khan and Imran Khan through Idrees Ashraf; the Lahore High Court Bar Association and the Lahore Bar Association through Hamid Khan; the Karachi Bar Association; Muhammad Shoaib Shaheen; and Riasat Ali Azad through Faisal Siddiqi.

At the outset, when the case was called, the court associate announced the names of all counsel representing the various petitioners, but none appeared. The FCC CJ then dismissed each case individually, dictating separate orders.

Ash cloud from African volcano hits ME air routes

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Advisory Centre (VAAC) forecast high-altitude ash moving east across Oman and into the Arabian Sea, with upper-level particles drifting north-east toward Pakistan and India.

The sheer altitude of the plume, reaching 10 to 15 kilometres above the surface, placed it squarely in the cruising lanes of commercial jetliners. Flightradar24 posted a global flight map showing a strip of red representing the most severe ash stretching from Ethiopia toward northern Myanmar and China.

Airlines began cancelling flights post-noon on Monday as the ash moved across the Red Sea.

Accoding to *The Hindustan Times* Indian carrier IndiGo cancelled six flights, including routes originating from Mumbai and southern India. Another IndiGo flight, bound for Abu Dhabi from Kannur, was diverted to Ahmedabad.

Low-cost carrier Akasa Air stated it was closely monitoring the volcanic activity and its potential impact on flight operations.

"The Pakistan airspace is shut for Indian airlines, hence the Indian airlines are expected to be impacted," a Mumbai airport official said on Monday regarding the re-routing challenges. "We have started keeping a record of this and are monitoring the situation."

Volcanic ash poses a catastrophic hazard for aircraft. It contains microscopic glass particles that can melt within jet engines, causing failure, while also damaging onboard instruments and reducing visibility.

ONLOOKERS watch as the Erta Ale volcano erupts in Ethiopia's Afar region.—Courtesy Addis Standard

Air traffic control centres across the Middle East issued alerts to pilots, advising extreme caution and rerouting traffic where necessary.

The awakening of the system served as a stark reminder of how quickly natural events in remote corners of the globe can ripple outward. The eruption occurred near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, a global shipping choke point crucial for trade between Europe and Asia.

While aviation faced immediate paralysis, maritime concerns grew regarding the southern Red Sea. Thick ash can act like heavy fog, reducing visibility for navigation and potentially clogging ship air intake filters and seawater cooling systems.

Authorities warned that thick ash can reduce visibility and clog air intake filters on vessels. Current forecasts suggest most ash remains at higher altitudes, limiting sea-level fallout.

Pakistan braces for impact

Pakistan's meteorological monitors also prepared for the cloud's arrival. Anjum Nazeer Zaighum, a spokesperson for the Met Office, a spokesperson for the Met Office, told *Dawn* that the effects of the ash cloud would not be felt in Karachi and it would pass over the Arabian Sea.

"The projections are from last night and the impact would be felt in the deep Arabian Sea, in Oman and within the Mumbai FIR (flight region)," Mr Zaighum said.

He clarified that the impact of the ash cloud was witnessed 60 nautical miles south of Gwadar on Monday and the office had issued a warning to the concerned authorities, which was still in place.

Imtiaz Ali in Karachi also contributed to this report

Hunt underway for facilitators after FC HQ attack

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motorbike and travelled towards the FC HQ via Charsadda Road. Their movement was also captured around the Nishtar Hall.

During the investigation, it was revealed that they had been carrying backpacks, which suggested that they might have planned to take hostages once inside the premises.

According to the state-run *Associated Press of Pakistan*, initial investigations revealed that all three terrorists involved in the attack were Afghan nationals.

It said that weapons and explosives were recovered from the deceased militants, adding that the specific identities of the Afghan terrorists were being ascertained.

According to an *APP* report, investigations were underway to trace the facilitators behind the attempted attack, with intelligence agencies focusing on identifying possible support networks.

The government is also expected to announce enhanced security measures for sensitive federal installations in the coming days, the agency said.

Condemnations

Soon after the attack, BRT services were suspended and the road was closed for all kinds of traffic, except for Rescue 1122 vehicles. An emergency was declared in all the hospitals as 11 injured persons were shifted to Lady Reading Hospital, while one was shifted to Khyber Teaching Hospital.

During his visit to LRH, Chief Minister Sohail Afridi said that militants had always intended to disturb peace in the province and the country and that those who had resorted to such acts were the province's and country's enemies.

He said that the provincial government would not let them do this.

In a statement issued from his office, CM Afridi sought an immediate report from the KP police chief and directed that all available resources be utilised to bring the elements involved in this inhumane act to justice.

Asked whether he had held any talks with security agencies regarding security issues, CM Afridi told reporters at LRH: "I have been briefed. The provincial government has ordered modern equipment for [police], but unfortunately, its delivery is taking time. Bullet cars are here, and we are working on capacity building of police."

Separately, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif strongly condemned the terrorist attack and lauded security forces for their "timely action," as per a statement issued by the PM Office.

"Timely action taken by security forces saved us from major harm," he said, praying for the recovery of the injured.

President Asif Ali Zardari, KP Governor Faisal Karim Kundi and Balochistan CM Sarfraz Bugti also condemned the attack, offering condolences to the families of the martyrs.

PML-N bags most votes in by-elections

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turnout in the by-elections was low due to disappointment among the PTI supporters.

ECP to withhold notification

Separately, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Monday decided to withhold the victory notification of Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry's brother Bilal Badar Chaudhry over the minister's alleged violation of the code of conduct.

A four-member bench headed by Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja took up the case for hearing. Talal Chaudhry, who had been summoned, did not turn up. During the hearing, the bench observed that the state minister clearly violated the code of conduct.

It was emphasised that, as per the code, the minister was not authorised to participate in any election campaign and that strict action should be taken against him. The CEC remarked that Mr Chaudhry did not even bother to appear before the bench.

In response, the minister's lawyer said that his client would appear before the commission. Later, the Election Commission exempted him from attendance for the first hearing. The CEC clarified that Bilal Chaudhry was not being disqualified; only the notification of his victory would be withheld. The hearing was adjourned till December 2. Talal's brother won from NA-96 (Faisalabad) in the by-election held on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Special Assistant to PM Huzaifa Rehman has tendered an unconditional apology to the Election Commission over violating the code of conduct in the Dera Ghazi Khan by-election.

A four-member commission headed by the CEC heard the case of violation of the code of conduct, and during the hearing, Huzaifa Rehman, replying to a remark by the chief election commissioner, said he always abides by the law. "If the election code of conduct was violated, I apologise unconditionally. I attended and spoke at a musical night, not at the corner meeting," he clarified. The CEC directed that the documents of the case be handed over to Huzaifa Rehman so that he could submit a formal response. The Election Commission adjourned the hearing of the case.

The Election Commission will resume hearing today (Tuesday) in connection with the alleged violation of the code of conduct and election laws by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi. Notices have been already issued to the chief minister as well as candidates for the by-election Shernaz Omar Khan and PML-N's Babar Nawaz from NA-18, Haripur. The KP CM, who had been exempted from personal appearance during the last hearing, has been summoned to appear in person.

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CREDIT OF INTERIM CASH DIVIDEND 2025-26

Interim cash dividend @ 20% on Ordinary and Convertible Preference Shares for the year ending 30th June 2026 has been credited to the bank accounts of the shareholders except those who have not furnished correct or complete bank account details to the Company or the Central Depository Company Limited, as the case may be.

Shareholders who have not received the dividend may visit the Company's Share Registrar, Messrs. FAMCO Share Registration Services (Pvt.) Limited at 8-F, adjacent to Hotel Faran, Nursery, Block 6, P.E.C.H.S., Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi, or email them at Info Shares info.shares@famcosrs.com, or call them on +021 3438 0101-5 or +021 34384621-3.

Dividend of shareholders who did not furnish their International Bank Account Number (IBAN) has been withheld by the Company in accordance with applicable law. Claims in respect of withheld dividends may be filed with the Central Depository Company Limited or concerned participants by shareholders who hold shares in CDS, and with Company's Share Registrar by shareholders who hold share certificates. The IBAN of the shareholders must be mentioned at the time of filing a claim.

ALI JAFFAR
Company Secretary
Karachi
25th November 2025

TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited for the following:

Tender No.	Description	Closing Date/ Time
PD/IDP/ PT/32178/ 25	Maintenance & support services of HP tape libraries	15 Dec, 2025 1500 hrs.
PD/P&C/ PT/32179/ 25	Supply of 02 Floboss recorders with flow computers	15 Dec, 2025 1500 hrs.
PD/IDP/ PT/32183/ 25	Supply of components for fire safety system (firefighting)	15 Dec, 2025 1500 hrs.
PD/P&C/ PT/32184/ 25	Supply of workshop and technician's tools (instrument) and tool kits	15 Dec, 2025 1500 hrs.
PD/D&CE/ PT/32185/ 25	Call out agreement for one (01) x 1500 HP land drilling rig on rental basis	16 Dec, 2025 1500 hrs.

All bids will be opened 30 minutes after the bids closing date/ time.

Extension in Bid Closing & Opening Date

Closing and opening date of the following tender has been extended as follows:

Tender No.	Description	Published On	Revised Closing Date/ Time
PD/E&C/ PT/31845/ 25	Services for core analysis and core data processing on call-out basis	30 Oct, 2025	15 Dec, 2025 1500 hrs.

Bidders who have already submitted/sent their proposals (bids) may take them back and resubmit the same before the revised closing date and time mentioned above.

All bids will be opened 30 minutes after the revised bids closing date/ time.

Tender notice / detailed instructions are available on PPRA website at **www.ppra.org.pk** Tender documents are available online and bids are also required to be submitted online through PPL's e-procurement portal at **https://eprocurement.ppl.com.pk** for details see 'Instruction for Bidders Section' of tender documents. PPL reserves the right to reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal.

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NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS / MEMBERS OF ISE REALTY COMPANY LIMITED

Pursuant to the Order of the Honourable Islamabad High Court (IHC), Islamabad in respect of the **Company Original No. 15/2025,** dated November 21, 2025, and upon the approval from the Chairman of the meeting (**Wajid Mehmood Kayani, Advocate**), having been appointed by Honourable IHC, this notice is hereby given that the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EOGM") of the shareholders/members of ISE Realty Company Limited ("ISERCL" or "the Company") will be held on Tuesday, December 16th, 2025, at 04:30 PM at the registered office of the Company located at G-12, 55-B, ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area, Islamabad – 44000, Pakistan, to transact the following business:

SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and, if deemed fit, pass the following special resolutions with or without any modification(s), addition(s) or deletion(s), to approve, adopt, and agree to the Scheme of Compromises, Arrangement and Reconstruction between ISE Towers REIT Management Company Limited (ISETRMC) and its members and ISE Realty Company Limited and its members, for the transfer of designated assets and liabilities from ISETRMC (as transferor) to ISERCL (as transferee), and for the reconstitution/reconstruction of the share capital and reserves of both companies pursuant to Sections 279 to 283 of the Companies Act, 2017, and other applicable provisions.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

1. **"RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY THAT** the Draft Scheme of Arrangement, for the restructuring/rearrangement/reallocation and issuance of the equity capital of the Company and the inter-company transfer of certain designated assets and liabilities, as per the specific Articles and Schedules detailed in the Scheme, and for the subsequent registration/launch of the REIT Scheme(s) and its future public listing, be and is hereby unanimously approved by the shareholders;" and
2. **"FURTHER RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY THAT** the shareholders/members hereby grant approval to the terms, conditions, authorizations, and powers contained in Schedule-4 of the Scheme;" and
3. **"FURTHER RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company either by themselves, or through the CEO of the Company be and are hereby authorized to undertake all necessary actions or take all required steps for the implementation of the Scheme, after the sanction there of by the Honorable IHC;"
4. **"FURTHER RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY THAT** subsequent to the sanction of the Scheme by the Honorable IHC, the Board of Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to change the name of ISERCL to ISE REIT Management Company Limited, or any other suitable name as the Board may decide in its absolute discretion;" and
5. **"FURTHER RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorized to make any subsequent/future changes, modifications or additions or alterations to the Scheme or to any particular part thereof (including any distribution ratio), which the Honorable IHC or the Commission may think fit to order, direct or impose or consider necessary for the removal of any difficulty arising from the Scheme and/or for its implementation or with respect to any matter connected therewith, under the authority of these resolutions, and without any further need for any specific approval from the shareholders of the Company in this matter;" and
6. **"FURTHER RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY THAT** the Board of Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorized to make the required changes in the Memorandum and Articles of the Company as proposed in the Scheme, or any other changes if so advised or directed or ordered or required by the Honorable IHC or the Commission, under the authority of these resolutions, and without any further need for any specific approval from the shareholders of the Company in this matter."

As directed by the Honorable IHC, the Chairman of the meeting shall submit his report to the Honorable IHC, within seven (7) days of the meeting.

Zeeshan Shafique
Company Secretary
Place: Islamabad, Dated: November 24, 2025

NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS / MEMBERS OF ISE TOWERS REIT MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

Pursuant to the Order of the Honourable Islamabad High Court (IHC), Islamabad in respect of the **Company Original No. 15/2025,** dated November 21, 2025, and upon the approval from the Chairman of the meeting (**Barrister Talha Ilyas Sheikh**), having been appointed by Honourable IHC, this notice is hereby given that the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EOGM") of the shareholders/members of ISE Towers REIT Management Company Limited ("ISETRMC" or "the Company") will be held on Tuesday, December 16th, 2025, at 03:30 PM at the registered office of the Company located at 55-B, ISE Towers, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad – 44000, Pakistan, to transact the following business:

SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and, if deemed fit, pass the following special resolutions with or without any modification(s), addition(s) or deletion(s), to approve, adopt, and agree to the Scheme of Compromises, Arrangement and Reconstruction between ISE Towers REIT Management Company Limited (and its members) and ISE Realty Company Limited (ISERCL), (and its members), for the transfer of designated assets and liabilities from ISETRMC (as transferor) to ISERCL (as transferee), and for the reconstitution/reconstruction of the share capital and reserves of both companies pursuant to Sections 279 to 283 of the Companies Act, 2017, and other applicable provisions.

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4. **"FURTHER RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY THAT** subsequent to the sanction of the Scheme by the Honorable IHC, the Board of Directors of the Company, be and is hereby authorized to change the name of ISETRMC to ISE Towers Limited, or any other suitable name as the Board may decide in its absolute discretion;" and
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As directed by the Honorable IHC, the Chairman of the meeting shall submit his report to the Honorable IHC, within seven (7) days of the meeting.

Zeeshan Shafique
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Place: Islamabad, Dated: November 24, 2025